of Andhra Pradesh. In addition to the above, the Department of Culture also grant financial assistance to the voluntary organisations for promotion,dissemination and preservation of tribal/rural art and culture in the country.

Completion of SYL Canal

†88. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction work of Sutlej-Yamuna Link canal could not be completed till 15th January, 2003;

(b) if so,whether it is also a fact that some other agency would be selected by the Government to complete its construction work;

(c) if so, the plan of Government in this regard; and

(d) by when, this project is targeted to be completed now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In terms of the judgement dated 15th January, 2002 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Union Government is required, with effect from 15th January, 2003, to get the work completed and the canal made functional, through its own agencies as expeditiously as possible.

(c) and (d) For working out a contingency plan for the completion of the canal, the requisite information such as details of the works, the revised costs and construction schedule have been requested from Government of Punjab, as they had executed the works so far, and under whose control the canal works are vested at present. Information is awaited for which the Punjab Government is being constantly reminded.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.